

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Snyder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,038,561). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 recites, in part, a system for drawing a patent map using a technical field word that includes sentence extracting unit and a word extracting unit for counting the number of words in the sentence which is separated in a unit of a clause in the clause separating unit, calculating weight values and the sum of the weight values by respective words, and extracting the word.

In contrast, Snyder discloses a document management and analysis system for analyzing and displaying information contained in a plurality of documents. Although Snyder discloses calculating weights for terms in a document, the TFIDF weights disclosed in Snyder are not the same as the weight values recited in claim 1. Specifically, Snyder discloses six specific equations for calculating TFIDF weights and preferably suggests that equations 4 or 5 should be used. See, for example, column 14, line 60 – column 15, line 38. However, none of the equations calculate the weights and the sum of the weight values. Snyder is silent regarding the sum of the weight values. Accordingly, Snyder fails to teach, or even suggest, a system for drawing a patent map using a technical field word that includes sentence extracting unit and a word extracting unit for counting the number of words in the sentence which is separated in a unit of a clause in the clause separating unit, calculating weight values and the sum of the weight values by respective words, and extracting the word, as recited in claim 1.

Claims 5, 8, and 14 are believed allowable for at least the same reasons presented above with respect to claim 1 since claims 5, 8, and 14 recites features similar to the features of claim 1 discussed above.

Claims 2-4, 6, 7, and 9-13 are believed allowable for at least the same reasons presented above with respect to claims 1, 5, and 8 by virtue of their dependence upon claims 1, 5, and 8. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Conclusion

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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